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Three COVID-19-related Fatalities Reported;
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# Three COVID-19-related Fatalities Reported

Today, the Joint Information Center was notified of three (3) COVID-19-related fatalities:

- The 271st COVID-19-related fatality was pronounced dead on arrival at the Guam Memorial Hospital (GMH) on December 24, 2021. The patient was a 76-year-old female, vaccinated with underlying health conditions. She tested positive on December 24, 2021.
- The 272nd COVID-19-related fatality was pronounced dead on arrival at the Guam Regional Medical City (GRMC) on December 31, 2021. The patient was a 58-year-old male, vaccinated. He tested positive on December 31, 2021.
- The 273rd COVID-19-related fatality occurred at GMH on January 1, 2022. The patient was a 47-year-old female, vaccinated with underlying health conditions. She tested positive on January 2, 2022.

"Jeff, Josh, and I offer our prayers and send our sympathies to the families of the recently departed," said Governor Lou Leon Guerrero. "With each passing, we are reminded once again about how precious life is and how in a moment's notice it can all be taken away. Show your loved ones how much you love them every chance you get. Let's lift each other up as we look toward a new year and hope for brighter days ahead."

#### **GBHWC Crisis Hotline**

The Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center (GBHWC) has a Crisis Hotline available 24/7 at (671) 647-8833/4. For those feeling anxious, stressed, overwhelmed, or need to talk to someone, GBHWC has experienced providers available and ready to assist the community with any heightened stress and anxiety experienced as a result of COVID-19.

## **DON'T WAIT UNTIL IT'S TOO LATE.**

Look for emergency warning signs for COVID-19. Seek emergency medical care immediately or call 911 if you have trouble breathing, persistent pain or pressure in the chest, new confusion, inability to wake or stay awake, or bluish lips or face. Individuals who are sick are advised to:

- Stay home, except to seek medical care. Call ahead before visiting the clinic/doctor.
- Monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 including fever, cough, and shortness of breath, fatigue, body aches, headaches, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion, nausea and/or diarrhea.
- Get tested if you have symptoms of COVID-19. While waiting for test results, you should stay away from others, including staying apart from those living in your household.

**Eight Hospitalized for COVID-19** 

CENSUS as of 5 p.m.	GMH	GRMC	USNH	TOTAL
COVID-19 Admission	6	1	1	8
Pediatric Admissions	2	-	-	2
ICU	0	0	0	0
Ventilator	0	0	0	0

VACCINE STATUS	VACCINATED	UNVACCINATED	INELIGIBLE (0-4 years old)
Hospitalized	5	2	1
Total in Population*	129,550	12,057	12,229
Rate per 100,000 Population	4	17	8

SPECIAL NOTE: Based on today's data, if we were to compare two (2) hypothetical populations of 100,000 people each, vaccinated versus unvaccinated, there would be 4 vaccinated people hospitalized for COVID-19 compared to 17 unvaccinated people hospitalized for COVID-19. The risk of being hospitalized for COVID-19 is about 4 times higher for the unvaccinated as compared to the vaccinated. \*\*Estimated population is based on DPHSS Immunization Program analysis of 2020 Census data. Updates are expected pending further Census 2020 data breakdown.

Cumulative COVID-19 Test Results: 71 New Cases of COVID-19 January 1 – January 3 Today, the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) reported seven (7) new cases of COVID-19 from 267 specimens analyzed on January 2, 2022. An additional 64 cases were also reported today as a result of complete analysis and case submissions from other clinics for preliminary COVID-19 test results reported January 1-2, 2022. Official case counts for the past weekend results are as follows:

- 64 of 578 test positive for COVID-19 (11 cases previously reported on January 1, 2022). Eight (8) cases were identified through contact tracing.
- 11 of 54 test positive for COVID-19 (no cases previously reported on January 2, 2022).

To date, there have been a total of 19,689 officially reported cases, 273 deaths, 410 cases in active isolation, and 19,006 not in active isolation. The CAR Score is 9.0.

# **After-school COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics Begin**

DPHSS, in partnership with the Guam Department of Education (GDOE), will begin after-school vaccination clinics open to the community this week. All eligible students, with parental consent, are encouraged to get vaccinated against COVID-19.

AFTER-SCHOOL COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINICS (AGES 5 AND OVER)		
Jan. 5, 2022: 3 p.m 6 p.m.	Machanaonao Elementary School  Walk-ins welcome. Minors must have birth certificate, parents must have government-issued photo ID.	
Jan. 6, 2022: 3 p.m 6 p.m.	Astumbo Elementary School  Walk-ins welcome. Minors must have birth certificate, parents must have government-issued photo ID.	

### **Cue COVID-19 Test Kits to be Used at Tiyan Outreach**

Beginning Tuesday, January 4, 2022, DPHSS will be administering the Cue COVID-19 Test Kits at the Community COVID-19 test site at the old carnival ground in Tiyan, Barrigada. Abbott BinaxNOW test kits will no longer be used at the community outreach site. This is being done as part of efforts to streamline operations. COVID-19 test results will also be made available via SimpleReport, a free, user-friendly web-based app, that delivers results through a text message notification system. Once registered in the system, patient information will be stored for future testing. To pre-register for Simple Report, visit tinyurl.com/guamtesting.

FREE COVID-19 COMMUNITY TESTING For more information, visit <a href="mailto:dphss.guam.gov/covid-19-testing">dphss.guam.gov/covid-19-testing</a> .		
Jan. 4 – 8, 2022	8 a.m 11 a.m.	Old Carnival Grounds, <i>Tiyan, Barrigada</i> Rapid COVID-19 testing will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last. Four per vehicle. No symptoms are needed. Bring a photo ID.  Travel-related testing will not be offered.

Fill out a <u>COVID-19 Testing Patient Assessment Form</u> ahead of time, available at <u>dphss.guam.gov/covid-19-testing</u>. Individuals waiting for COVID-19 test results must quarantine at home until cleared by DPHSS. Test results are available via email by sending a request to <u>covidresults@dphss.guam.gov</u>.

#### **Pfizer-BioNTech Vaccines Arrived Friday**

A shipment of Pfizer-BioNTech vaccines arrived on Friday, December 31, 2021. DPHSS' Immunization Program received a total of 2,340. The Immunization Program has been placing regular orders of COVID-19 vaccines and monitoring their shipment for arrival to Guam.

#### **COVID-19 Booster Shot Eligibility**

Adolescents 16 and 17 years of age who received a Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine (first two doses) are eligible for a single booster shot at least 6 months or more after their initial series. At this time, only the Pfizer-BioNTech booster vaccine is authorized and recommended for adolescents aged 16 and 17.

FREE COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINICS (AGES 5 AND OVER) Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson		
Jan. 4–8, 2022: 8 a.m 5 p.m.	DPHSS Northern Region Community Health Center, Dededo Call (671) 635-4418/7400 to schedule an appointment. Last appointment is 30 minutes before closing. Walk-ins welcome. Curbside vaccination available for people with disabilities. Register at tinyurl.com/covidstopswithme  DPHSS Southern Region Community Health Center, Inalåhan Call (671) 828-7604/5/7518 to schedule an appointment. Last appointment is 30 minutes before closing. Walk-ins welcome. Curbside vaccination available for people with disabilities.	
Jan. 4–8, 2022: 9 a.m 12 p.m.		
<b>Jan. 4–15, 2022:</b> Mon Wed., Fri: 11 a.m 5p.m. Sat.: 11 a.m 7 p.m.	University of Guam Field House, Mangilao Register at tinyurl.com/vaxguam Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments will be expedited. Please bring appointment confirmation and proof of identity. Last appointment is 30 minutes before closing.	

# **Guam COVID-19 Vaccination Update**

As of December 30, a total of **129,550** of Guam's eligible population (residents 5 years and older) is fully vaccinated. This total includes **12,591** residents 12 – 17 years old. **4,866** residents 5 – 11 years old received their first dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech two dose series. **2,887** residents 5 – 11 years old have completed their two-dose series. An additional **339** residents received their booster shots and a total of **39,593** booster shots have been administered to eligible residents since September 29, 2021.

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For the latest information on COVID-19, visit <u>dphss.guam.gov</u> or <u>guamrecovery.com</u>. For inquiries, contact 311 through a local number, or call the Joint Information Center at (671) 478-0208/09/10.